## MILLERS RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Athol/Royalston/Phillipston)

Note: Due to its size, this area is presented on two separate maps.

SIZE:

This eight-parcel area of river valley, forested hills and marshland totals 2,582 acres. Some slopes are quite steep, particularly those bordering the river.

U.S.G.S. Quads: Winchendon, Athol

**VEGETATION:** 

Primarily mixed hardwood and conifer forest with some areas of wooded and/or shrub swamp.

WATER:

As its name implies, this area protects and provides access to long stretches of Millers River shoreline. In addition, the huge northern parcel (only partially depicted on this map) contains portions of the West Gulf, Dunham, Lawrence and Rich Brooks. Native brook trout are present throughout the watershed. The Millers River and Lawrence Brook are stocked trout waters.

WILDLIFE:

Grouse, deer, snowshoe hare, coyote, aquatic fur-bearers, turkey, raccoon, waterfowl and numerous nongame species. A limited number of pheasant are stocked in small "town covers" (encompassed within the WMA) during the open season.

**SPECIAL** 

REGULATIONS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the

pheasant season. Also note that nearly the entire stretch of the Millers River encompassed by this WMA is a designated Catch & Release area.

Artificial lures only, no bait in possession.